



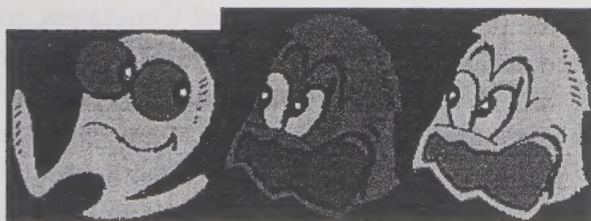
**1039th meeting of the
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society**

8:00PM Wednesday, October 23, 2002

Knights of Columbus Hall, 2800 Taraval St. at 38th Ave. San Francisco

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Video Game Tokens



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As many of you already know, our dear friend, *Dr. Paul Holtzmann* passed away quietly on September 8. Paul joined the Society in 1981 and was one of its most active members. An avid collector of topical coins and past president of the society, Paul brought an enthusiasm to our group that was characteristic of his whole life. His kind words and deeds provided encouragement to many of us. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

1038th meeting, September 25, 2002 (reviewed by *Herb Miles*)
Jerry Schimmel, our resident San Francisco historian and scholar, told us a little bit about the Knights Templar, a Masonic organization which held three conclaves in San Francisco during the past 120 years. Freemasonry apparently is based on the medieval craft guilds (bricklayers, tinmongers, fishmongers, etc) and grew up in England and Europe during the 1700s. Notable Masons include George Washington, Teddy Roosevelt, and Gerald Ford. Lodges and chapters were formed to do benevolent and charitable work.

The first local group was formed in 1849 in San Francisco; the first San Francisco mayor, Geary was a Mason. There are at least two branches of Masons, the York Rite and the Scottish Rite branches. During the 1800s, the Masons were so popular and widespread that along with a church, a lodge was one of the first buildings to be erected in a new town.

All of the rites in becoming a Mason are secret and not divulged to non-members, so the majority of information regarding this group is gleaned from its exonumia and other memorabilia found after the death of a member. There are trowels, given to a "Master Mason," chapter pennies, ribbons and medals, extensive paper documentation, and accounts of Conclaves, marches, parades, and similar occurrences in newspapers of the time. Three Conclaves have been held in San Francisco, 1883, 1904, and 1934 and much exonumia exists from each. Many lodges or chapters have moved during recent years following the population from the central cities to the suburbs although the membership is aging and slowly dwindling. Other changes are occurring as well, i.e., a San Mateo chapter this year changed its name from "Islam" temple to "Isaiah". Membership is still actively recruited, chapters have been established in such far-flung places as Liberia and the Philippines, and 9 lodges still exist within San Francisco. A great deal of information can be obtained as well as a view of an exhibit of

memorabilia at the Masonic Hall at Taylor and California streets in downtown San Francisco.

Exhibits

Cal Rogers brought a 20 Cash Chinese coin with chops. Bronze or copper coins were rarely chopped so this is a special piece!

Ken Takahashi exhibited a number of items, two Gallery Mint replica coins, a 1794 Silver dollar, and a Fugio Cent, plus two paperweights, one from Australia, and another from England and encased in a blue cube plus a San Francisco Key to the city which was originally presented to Robert Muldoon, the former Prime Minister of New Zealand.

Ron Johnson brought two lovely long long long postcards showing the PPIE grounds and a book of marvelous photos of the San Francisco Earthquake and Fire, etc.

Gordon Donnell displayed his Red & Blue folder containing the complete run of Red & Blue book silver medals or tokens which could be ordered after purchasing a new Red or Blue book during the 80s and 90s. Gordon also brought a silver medal featuring the St. Louis Arch, his hometown landmark.

Larry Reppeteau, suffering from a cold, exhibited his Ant Nose and Ghost Face Chinese coins, thought not be coins until hoards were discovered by the British in the 1800s.

Herb Miles brought five San Francisco tokens, a 1894 Midwinter piece showing the Mechanic's Building, a piece from the Civic Center Jewelry Store, a W. H. Hulzen good for, an San Francisco Elks piece, and a Hotel of Italy good for.

Michael Wehner brought several San Francisco Royal Arch Mason pennies, including a brass #1 (which Jerry had not seen) and a prooflike #5 purchased here at a PCNS auction some years ago.

Raffle

A large bronze medal from 1951 honoring the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company & featuring the building now used as the Ritz Carlton Hotel & on the reverse, the Ferry Building Tower, won by *Gordon Donnell*.

A large bronze medal celebrating the opening of a new building housing the "American Fore Insurance Group," the Continental Insurance Company, the Fidelity Phenix Fire Insurance Company, the Niagara Fire Insurance Company, and the Fidelity & Casualty Company of New York, won by *Jerry Schimmel*.

A very large bronze medal with a portrait of James R. Thompson, Governor of Illinois and his dates of service, won by *Larry Reppeteau*.

A large bronze medal featuring a bust of the Russian composer Mussorgsky and a medieval city scene on the reverse won by *Ron Johnson*.

A large bronze uniface medal showing a diesel locomotive from the St. Louis Southwestern Railway Lines, also called the "Cotton Belt Route" won by *Gordon Donnell*.

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Thanks to everyone who contributed to another very successful event. Special thanks to the California Exonumist Society for their generous financial support. Extra special thanks to *Sarah Nordin*, *Gordon Donnell* and *Herb Miles* for all their efforts.

Results from the 7th Auction of the PCNS PPIE collection

Lot #61 Picture Book Picture book. "Souvenir Viewbook of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition", green soft cover, 12 by 9 inches, excellent condition. Same as lot #37. Realized \$11.94 on ebay.

Lot #62 Picture book. Withdrawn due to mismatched cover.

Lot #63 Color picture book. "The Jewel City in Natural Colors" This large book of colored (!) photographs is in mint condition features translucent cover sheets with a caption for each picture. Extremely rare in this condition. Different from lot #52. Realized \$75 on ebay.

Lot #64 Picture Book, "The Panama Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco 1915". The Albertype Edition, Series F. Pictures without text. Excellent condition. Similar to lot #51 (Series E) but different pictures. Realized \$30 at the live auction.

Lot #65 Poster Stamp collection. Over 175 different Cinderella stamps. Probably all obtained at the fair. Realized \$110 on ebay.

Lot #66 Postcard. "Liberty Bell" Published by the Bardell Art Ptg. Co., San Francisco. Unused. Realized \$3 at the live auction.

Lot #67 Postcard "End of Trail" Famous statue by Buffalo nickel designer, James Fraser. Published by the Bardell Art Ptg. Co., San Francisco. Realized \$7 on ebay.

Lot #68 "Colonnades Palace of Fine Arts" Published by the Bardell Art Ptg. Co., San Francisco. Unused. Realized \$6 on ebay.

Lot #69 Postcard "South Gardens from Festival Hall", Published by the Bardell Art Ptg. Co., San Francisco. Unused. Realized \$6 on ebay.

Lot #70 "Court of the Four Seasons" Published by the Bardell Art Ptg. Co., San Francisco. Unused. Realized \$3 at the live auction.